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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The Internet is probably the invention America will be remembered for. It is a form of pure democracy seldom seen -- net neutrality guarantees equal access. I do realize that this is contrary to what big business would like. They would like medieval feudalism instead of a marketplace with equal access.

My father told me a story -- Los Angeles was young and had water problems. There was a giant water tower in the hills. An engineer was supposed to check the level of water in the tower daily. He thought it was not a good use of his time so he made the following invention: he placed transmitters which sent a "ping" sound in the wall of the water tower. Then he built a robot arm that would lift the phone up and point it towards the tower wall when the phone rang. And the transmitters were also triggered by the phone ringing. So what happened was he could phone the water tower and the robot arm would answer and the transmitters would start pinging and he would count the pings. One ping every foot. when the timber of the pings changed he knew they were sounding above the water level -- he basically knew the water level from the combination of the robot arm, the transmitters, and the phone. AT&T sued him for misusing their equipment. We would never have had an Internet had this form of protectionism been allowed.

So what kind of an America do you want? The kind the engineer wanted or the kind that restricts access?

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